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Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b) and 1.98 with accompanying Form PTO-A820 (2x). This Statement is being filed later than three months of the filing date of the above-captioned application, but before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Accordingly, there is no fee required for the filing of this Statement. Nonetheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other additional fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

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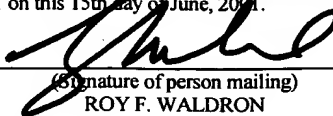
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Applicant herewith makes available to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and a Form PTO-FB-A820 (2x). This Information Disclosure Statement contains a listing of references, copies of which are enclosed herewith. A copy of the European Search Report for counterpart European application 00311316.4 is also enclosed herewith. This Statement is being made prior to the mailing of an Office Action on the merits.

The Examiner is requested to consider carefully the complete text of these references in connection with the examination of the above-identified application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(a). It is believed the Examiner will concur with Applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the foregoing references.

It is requested that the references listed on the attached form PTO-FB-A820 be included in the "References Cited" portion of any patent issuing from this application (M.P.E.P. § 1302.12).

The references listed on the PTO-FB-A820 are as follows:

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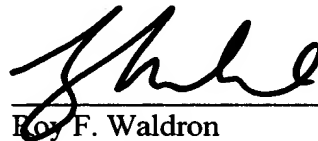
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A favorable response is earnestly solicited.

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